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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 5097th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction

   Letter dated 8 December 2004 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/958)

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) counter-terrorism

3.30 p.m. . . . . 121st meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 14 December 2004, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Protection of civilians in armed conflict". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5254), as from *today*, 9 December 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

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General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. 2nd informal meeting (closed) Conference Room 4

Informal meeting of the plenary to exchange views on the recommendations contained in the report of the High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change (A/59/565 and A/59/565/Corr.1)

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly to review progress made on the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and related fields (agenda items 45 and 55)

3 p.m. 3rd meeting (closed) Conference Room 4

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly in 2005, to discuss the text of a draft resolution[1] by the President of the General Assembly

[1] Copies of the draft resolution are available in the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2925). The text was also faxed to all Permanent Missions on Friday, 3 December 2004.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 109 (Programme planning (A/59/16, A/59/87, A/59/6 (Part One), A/59/6 (Part One)/Corr.1, A/59/6 (Prog. 2), A/59/6 (Prog. 3), A/59/6 (Prog. 4), A/59/6 (Prog. 5), A/59/6 (Prog. 6), A/59/6 (Prog. 7), A/59/6 (Prog. 8), A/59/6 (Prog. 9), A/59/6 (Prog. 10)/Rev.1, A/59/6 (Prog. 11), A/59/6 (Prog. 12), A/59/6 (Prog. 13), A/59/6 (Prog. 14), A/59/6 (Prog. 15), A/59/6 (Prog. 16), A/59/6 (Prog. 17), A/59/6 (Prog. 18), A/59/6 (Prog. 19), A/59/6 (Prog. 20), A/59/6 (Prog. 21), A/59/6 (Prog. 22), A/59/6 (Prog. 22)/Corr.1, A/59/6 (Prog. 23), A/59/6 (Prog. 24), A/59/6 (Prog. 25), A/59/6 (Prog. 26), A/59/69, A/59/79, A/C.5/59/13, A/C.5/59/14, A/C.5/59/15, A/C.5/59/17 and A/59/567))

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 108 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/539 and A/59/396))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Revision of UNDP financial regulations
2. Functional requirements of field missions for communications and information technology

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Second Committee

Informal "informals"

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium), on the draft resolution on agenda item 88 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries), will be held *today*, 9 December 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Claudio Rojas (Chile), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (Globalization and interdependence), will be held *today*, 9 December 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Olivier Chave (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on agenda item 90 (b) (Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system), will be held *today*, 9 December 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon), on the draft resolution on agenda item 89 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)), will be held *today*, 9 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Khondker Talha (Bangladesh), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (a) (International trade and development), will be held *today*, 9 December 2004, from 2.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-1120.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon), on the draft resolution on the importance of further strengthening efforts towards achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in the promotion of peace (under agenda item 89), will be held *today*, 9 December 2004, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Hussein Sabbagh (Syrian Arab Republic), on the draft resolution on agenda item 89 (c) (Industrial development cooperation), will be held *today*, 9 December 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Kainarbek Toktomushev (Kyrgyzstan), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (h) (Rendering assistance to the poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas), will be held *today*, 9 December 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Olivier Chave (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on agenda item 90 (b) (Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system), will be held *today*, 9 December 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (c) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin), will be held *today*, 9 December 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Félix Mbayu (Cameroon), on the draft resolution on agenda item 84 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development), will be held *today*, 9 December 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Claudia Alemán (Peru), on the draft resolution on microcredit (under agenda item 89 (a)), will be held *today*, 9 December 2004, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Informal consultations

There will be a briefing on the preparations for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (28 February-11 March 2005) and informal consultations on a possible outcome of the session *today*, 9 December 2004, from *4 to 6 p.m.* in Conference Room 1.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 9 December 2004

JUSCANZ Group

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Group of 77 *(draft resolutions on macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development; and training and research: United Nations Training and Research)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on operational activities for development: triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Group of 77 *(draft resolutions on eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006); follow-up and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development; eradication of poverty and other development issues: role of microcredit in the eradication of poverty; new partnership for Africa's development: progress in implementation and international support; and globalization and interdependence; and eradication of poverty: industrial development cooperation)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (organized by the Permanent Mission of India)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (under agenda item 38 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 39) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, in its capacity of the presidency of the European Union)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

United Nations Development Programme

The second informal meeting in the process of consultation with Member States of UNDP on the *Human Development Report 2005* will take place *today*, 9 December 2004, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on multilingualism (under agenda item 156) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on multilingualism (under agenda item 156), organized by the Permanent Mission of France, will be held *today*, 9 December 2004, at 3.30 p.m. at the Permanent Mission of France (245 East 47th Street (44th Floor).

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Thursday, 9 December 2004

Room S-226

12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesman
12.30 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Jean Ping, President of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly (on the work of the General Assembly with regard to the report of the High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change)
1 p.m.	H.E. Mr. Oswaldo de Rivero, Permanent Representative of Peru (to present his book entitled "The Myth of Development")

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 10 December 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. 70th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [105 (b)]: United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004: draft resolution (A/59/L.43)

3 p.m. 71st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Assistance in mine action: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/467) [22]

2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/468) [73]

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/469) [74]

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/470) [75]

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/471) [76]

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/472) [77]

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/473) [78]

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/474) [79]

9. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/475) [80]

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/476) [81]

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/477) [82]

12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/478) [20]

13. Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/59/L.45) [39 (a)]

14. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [56]

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community: draft resolution (A/59/L.25)

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe: draft resolution (A/59/L.31)

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/136, the two facilitators appointed by the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold the first informal consultations on how to rationalize the work of the Fourth Committee, on Tuesday, 14 December 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 10 December 2004, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Credentials Committee

There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Friday, 10 December 2004, at 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2005 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2005 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva on Friday, 10 December 2004, at 10 a.m. in Room XVII, at the Palais des Nations.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) counter-terrorism

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, together with the Commonwealth of Independent States, will hold in Almaty (Kazakhstan) from Wednesday to Friday, 26 to 28 January 2005, its fourth special meeting with international, regional and sub-regional organizations (open to Member States and invitees). All Member States are welcome to attend as observers. Interested Member States are kindly requested to contact the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan (tel. 1 (212) 230-1900, extensions 20 or 13).

General Assembly

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005

The Secretary-General of the United Nations International Meeting would like to inform all concerned that the International Meeting will be held in Mauritius from 10 to 14 January 2005. It will be preceded by two days of informal consultations in Mauritius on Saturday and Sunday, 8 and 9 January. The high-level segment will be held on Thursday and Friday, 13 and 14 January.

Lists of speakers

Plenary interactive panels

There will be no speakers' lists for the interactive panels organized in the plenary, scheduled to take place from Monday, 10 January, to Wednesday, 12 January. The Panels will address the following themes: The Environmental Vulnerabilities of Small Island Developing States; The Special Challenges of Small Island Developing States in Trade and Economic Development; The Role of Culture in the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; Addressing Emerging Trends and Social Challenges for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; and Building Resilience in Small Island Developing States.

High-level segment general debate

The list of speakers for the high-level segment of the International Meeting, to be held on 13 and 14 January 2005, is open for the general debate under item 8 of the provisional agenda entitled, "Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States". Statements would be presented by Heads of State or Government, or their high-level appointees, on the basis of the list to be drawn up by the Secretariat in accordance with established practice. It has been recommended that statements not exceed five minutes. Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation for the speakers' list to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org).

High-level segment round tables

There will be two round tables on the overall theme "The Way Forward".

Round table 1, to be held on Thursday, 13 January, from 3 to 6 p.m., will highlight resources; and *Round table 2*, to be held on Friday, 14 January, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will highlight capacity-building and technology transfer.

Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation and the round table to which they would like to inscribe to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org). Each interactive round table would have 40-50 participants and would be open to Heads of State or Government or their high-level appointees.

Economic and Social Council

Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics will take place on Thursday, 16 December 2004, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri (Malta), with the following agenda: (a) Web site dedicated to the Permanent Missions in New York; (b) Request by the Military and Civilian Police Advisers' Community; (c) Improvement of communications within regional groups; and (d) Ongoing initiatives in the Secretariat.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Eastern European Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the Eastern European Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 10 December 2004, from 9.30 to 11.50 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Panel discussion on "Freedom from fear and want – The human rights year in review" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights)

A panel of human rights experts and activists will discuss "Freedom from fear and want – The human rights year in review", organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights, will be held on Friday, 10 December 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of Permanent Missions and United Nations agencies and organizations, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Briefing on women in development (organized by the United States Mission, in cooperation with the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Financing for Development Office, DESA)

The Director of Poverty Reduction and Economic Governance, International Center for Research on Women, Ms. Caren Grown, will make a presentation on "Poverty reduction, economic growth and the importance of women's property and inheritance rights", at a briefing on women in development, organized by the United States Mission, in cooperation with the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The briefing will be held on Friday, 10 December 2004, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Ann Low, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4229).

Panel discussion on "Human rights education in the school system – Practical experiences" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and UNESCO)

A panel discussion on "Human rights education in the school system – Practical experiences", organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), will be held on Friday, 10 December 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of Permanent Missions and United Nations agencies and organizations, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal briefing to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the concept of a Strategic Reserve Force

There will be an informal briefing to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the concept of a Strategic Reserve Force, on Monday, 13 December 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 1. For further information, please contact Ms. Souverijn-Eisenberg, Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (tel. 1 (917) 367-0067; or e-mail souverijn-eisenberg@un.org).

Symposium on "Strengthening conflict-sensitive business practices in vulnerable and conflict-affected states"

There will be a symposium on "Strengthening conflict-sensitive business practices in vulnerable and conflict-affected states", co-organized by the Global Compact Office, the German Foreign Office and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, on Tuesday, 14 December 2004, from 9 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures)

There will a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures) on Thursday, 16 December 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Announcements

Fourth Open Forum for Partnerships on "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the Least Developed Countries"

The Office of the United Nations High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) announces that it will hold its Fourth Open Forum for Partnerships on "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the Least Developed Countries", on Wednesday, 15 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6. A presentation will be made by Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director of The Earth Institute, Columbia University, Director of the Millennium Project and Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Multi-stakeholder consultation on "Sovereign debt for sustained development: Issues for countries that access financial markets"

There will be a multi-stakeholder consultation on "Sovereign debt for sustained development: Issues for countries that access financial markets", organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, at United Nations Headquarters, on Monday and Tuesday, 31 January and 1 February 2005. The consultation will comprise a series of informal meetings, including panel discussions and interactive round tables, with the participation of experts from the official and private sectors, as well as academia and civil society, as mandated by General Assembly resolution 58/230. *Delegations wishing to nominate individuals with appropriate expertise to act as panellists and/or round-table participants are kindly invited to submit the name and curriculum vitae of the proposed expert to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; or e-mail ffdoffice@un.org), by Friday, 31 December 2004.* Information on the modalities and background documentation of the event is available at www.un.org/esa/ffd/09multi-stake-consul-flyer-debt.htm.

High-level round tables to be convened during the high-level plenary meetings of the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development

The forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development will be held at Headquarters from 9 to 18 February 2005. In its resolution 2004/58, the Economic and Social Council decided that the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development should convene high-level plenary meetings open to the participation of all United Nations Member States and observers on the 10-year review of the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly. *The high-level plenary meetings will be held on 10 and 11 February 2005. In this regard, three high-level round tables will be convened on eradication of poverty, promoting full employment and fostering social integration.* Information on these three round tables, as well as other background information for the forty-third session of the Commission, is available for pick-up outside room DC2-1320. For further information, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/csocd2005.htm.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 December 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Background information on a report of the Secretary-General

The report of the Secretary-General on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/59/545 and can also be found on the United Nations Web site (www.un.org/SG).

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

Copies of UNU-Wider Study on "New Sources of Development Finance"

Copies of the recently released UNU-WIDER Study on "New Sources of Development Finance" can be obtained from the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-2386) (limited to one copy for each Permanent Mission).

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 8 December 2004

Security Council

5096th meeting

Security Council mission

Report of the Security Council mission to Central Africa, from 21 to 25 November 2004 (S/2004/934)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Japan, the Netherlands, Rwanda and Uganda at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the representative of France.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Burundi, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, who aligned themselves with this declaration), Rwanda and Japan.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Romania, Brazil, the United Kingdom, the Philippines, Pakistan, Benin, Spain and Angola.

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

68th plenary meeting — *Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change (A/59/565 and A/59/565/Corr.1)* [55]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 55.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 55.

69th plenary meeting — The summary of the 69th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/238).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3) of the Covenant: Peru (2 December 2004)[1]

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Objection to the declarations made by Turkey upon ratification: Cyprus (7 December 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Cri minal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Acceptance: Finland (8 December 2004)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Signature: Honduras (8 December 2004)

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Workshop to observe the First International Anti-Corruption Day (9 December 2004)

On the occasion of the First International Anti-Corruption Day, there will be a workshop, organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and chaired by H.E. Mrs. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), in her capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council, *today*, 9 December 2004, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat Staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to participate. For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Lilibeth Benitez, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (tel. 1 (212) 963-5635); e-mail benitez@un.org).

Book launch (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, the book entitled "The Face of Human Rights" will be launched on Friday, 10 December 2004, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The event, organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, will be followed by a panel discussion. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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In connection with Human Rights Day, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will sponsor events to mark the conclusion of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004). Information regarding the schedule of parallel events following the General Assembly plenary meeting will be forthcoming. The address for the live webcast of the plenary meeting is www.un.org/webcast/index.asp. Members of Permanent Missions and United Nations agencies and organizations, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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